

## AMERICAN TROOPS KILL VILLA MEN

OFFICIAL GERMAN ANSWER  
AVERTS BREAK, AT LEAST  
FOR THE PRESENT, IS CLAIM

Diplomatic Split With Berlin  
Is Believed Now to Be  
Less Probable.

## TEXT VARIES LITTLE

Communication Has No Ma-  
terial Difference From  
Unofficial Paper.

Washington, May 6.—The official text of Germany's note fully decided and laid before President Wilson today shows no material differences from the unofficial text published yesterday in news dispatches. This strengthens the probability that a diplomatic break has been averted, at least for the present.

Overnight study of the note by officials did not change their view that there would be no break in diplomatic relations unless there were further attacks in violation of international law.

There is a possibility that the United States may notify the Berlin government that as long as the new orders to submarine commanders are fully observed diplomatic relations will not be discontinued on that score.

Secretary Lansing already has studied the note once and was going over it very carefully again today. There were indications that further consideration by the cabinet would not be necessary.

Bernstorff Returns.  
Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, returned to the embassy today from New York. He said he had no communication from his government and had no reason to visit the state department. The embassy view that the note was all the United States asked, remained unchanged.

Several members of the cabinet have left Washington and are not expected back before Monday. Secretary Lansing has gone to Annapolis for the week end, Secretary Baker is in Cleveland and Postmaster General Burleson is on a short fishing trip.

## President Studies Note.

President Wilson read today with careful attention the portion of the note touching on peace. Some officials believed much significance should be attached to that part of the note because it was taken to indicate officially that recent speeches of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg before the reichstag were intended as notices to the world that Germany was ready for peace on certain terms.

The note says "The German government, conscious of Germany's strength, twice within the last few months announced before the world its readiness to make peace on a basis safeguarding Germany's vital interests."

## Note Called Peace Hope.

London, May 6.—The Daily News gives a prominent place in today's issue to a long dispatch from Rotterdam, asserting that there is a strong belief in Holland that the German note to the United States was carefully prepared in the hope that it may lead eventually to peace negotiations. The dispatch says it may lead eventually to peace negotiations. The dispatch says in part:

"There is a belief here that behind the whole cloud of vague and conditional promises lies the hope that negotiations for peace will be opened with England through the mediation of the United States. Germany hopes that Washington will open a discussion on the naval blockade which will widen by easy stages to eventual discussion of possible peace conditions."

## Gerard Holding Hand.

The Daily News' correspondent also says that the Wolff Bureau sent out an article this week in which an anonymous neutral discusses the relations between Germany and the United States and suggests that Ambassador Gerard now has an opportunity to lay the foundations for peace negotiations. This article appeared in the same issue of the German newspapers with the text of the reply to the American note. It says:

"This appears to be the historic opportunity for America. If the United States maintains an equally firm position against the starvation of Germany as against the German submarine warfare, then there will be an opening for the belligerents to consider how they may end this miserable war."

HURLS CUSPIDOR  
AT JUDGE'S HEAD

Youth, Just Sentenced to 35 Years'  
Imprisonment for Murder, At-  
tacks Court Executive.

Chicago, May 6.—Judge Charles A. McDonald escaped injury today at the hands of Daniel Riley, a boy of 18 years, threw at his head, just after the judge, in the criminal court, had sentenced him for 35 years for the murder of John Mozier, a saloonkeeper.

The judge, who is nearly six feet tall, stepped over the railing separating the judge's bench from the court room and, with three bailiffs seized Riley, who fought with hands and feet in an effort to escape. After he had been repeatedly struck on the head, back and shoulders Riley was subdued and was taken back to the county jail. There was great excitement in court when the attack on Judge McDonald was made and many of the spectators ran nervously about the court room while the struggle with Riley was in progress and some of them quickly left the room.

HARVESTER MEN  
GET AGREEMENT

Chicago, May 6.—An agreement was received today at a conference of striking employees of the International Harvester company and officials whereby 5,000 of the 11,000 men on strike will return to work Monday, according to a statement made by George A. Ranney, secretary of the company. After the meeting Mr. Ranney issued the following statement:

"The men go back to work on a nine-hour day for which they receive ten hours' pay—an increase in the day and piece work rates of one-ninth or eleven and a fraction per cent; a minimum of 25 cents an hour; time and a half being paid for overtime."

## THE WAR TODAY

The afternoon bulletin of the Paris war office admits that an unusually violent bombardment compelled the French to evacuate part of their trenches on the northern slope of Hill 304. It declares, however, that German efforts to advance were checked by the fire of the French artillery and that the French troops threw into the fray suffered heavy losses.

Attacks by the Germans north and northwest of Hill 304 were pushed so close to the French defenses that the bayonet had to be used to repel the assaults.

Executions of participants in the Irish rebellion are being continued, the eighth man to suffer the death penalty being Major John McBride, who fought through the Boer war against the British and afterward married Maud Gonne, widely known in connection with the Irish home rule agitation.

Norway has protested to the British and French governments against their action in seizing Norwegian mails. Similar protests have been made by the United States and Holland.

The Germans have made some gains around Verdun, occupying French positions north of Hill 304, west of Avocourt and southeast of Hancourt. The bombardment of Hill 304 by the Germans is described as of "increased intensity."

The Austrians and Italians are still fighting desperately around Adamello ridge.

On the Russian front the Germans have made attempts to recapture several positions but have been repulsed, according to Petrograd.

In Asia Minor, the Russians have repulsed the Turks near Bitlis and Balburt. The Russians also have captured Turkish trenches near Erzincan and taken a number of prisoners.

During April on the western front, the Germans shot down 26 aircraft of the entente allies but themselves lost 22 machines, according to Berlin reports.

President Wilson today is studying the official text of Germany's note on submarine warfare and it is said unofficially that unless the document contains essential differences from the press dispatches there probably will be no break in diplomatic relations with Germany, for the present at least.

## A HOP-STEP-AND A—SPLASH! ?

American to  
be Released  
from Prison

Dublin, May 6.—James T. Sullivan, former American minister to the Dominican Republic, who has been imprisoned in Dublin castle for several days on the charge of having been implicated in the Irish rebellion, probably will be released today, it is said by officials.

It was officially announced that Major John McBride, the eighth leader of the Sinn Fein rebellion to suffer death by sentence of court martial has been shot.

The sentences of Thomas Hunter and William Cosgrave, who were sentenced to death with Major McBride, were commuted to life imprisonment.

Joseph Plunkett, one of the leaders in the rebellion, was married an hour before he was put to death to Miss Giffard, sister of Mrs. Thomas MacDonagh, widow of one of the first rebels who was put to death after court martial.

NORWAY OBJECTS TO  
SEIZURE OF MAILS

Christiania, via London, May 6.—Norway formally notified the British and French governments today that she cannot admit the correctness of their interpretation of The Hague 1907 convention regarding the seizure of neutral mails at sea.

The Norwegian protest against the seizure of mails at sea by Great Britain and France follows similar protests made by the United States and Holland. On April 3, the allied governments, through Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador to Washington, made a joint reply to the United States maintaining that the seizure of neutral mails violated no treaty rights.

A second protest filed by Holland April 17 included a demand for the restitution of detained Dutch mails and indemnity. No reply has yet been made by France or Great Britain to this protest.

"HIGH BOYS" WILL BE  
OFFERED CAMP LIFE

Chicago, May 6.—It was announced today that the Chicago chamber of commerce will provide each of one hundred Chicago high school boys who are to get two weeks of army life at Culver Military academy, Culver, Ind., with \$12, including uniforms, to help the boys defray their expenses. The association will also pay all the expenses of 11 boys to be selected by the faculties of the high schools.

Six hundred boys are expected to be at the encampment, which begins May 15.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity.

Probably thunder showers this afternoon or tonight; Sunday generally fair and continued warm.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 64. Highest yesterday, 79; lowest last night, 61.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., eight miles per hour.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 40; at 7 a. m., 55; at 1 p. m. today, 68.

Stage of water, 15.9, a rise of .1 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

FRENCH LOSE  
TO GERMANS  
NEAR VERDUN

Forces Are Compelled to  
Evacuate Their Trenches  
at Hill 304.

## BOMBARD VIOLENTLY

Heavy Gun Fire of Teuton  
Guns Drives Foe From  
Part of Front.

Berlin, May 6 (by wireless to Sayville).—A large number of French captive balloons broke loose owing to a sudden storm, says the official statement issued today at the German army headquarters and were driven over the German lines. More than 15 were captured by the Teutons.

Paris, May 6, (10:12 p. m.)—The French evacuated part of their trenches on the northern slope of Hill 304 on the Verdun front west of the Meuse, as the result of an unusually violent bombardment by heavy German guns. The war office statement of this afternoon says, however, that all efforts of the Germans to advance were checked by French guns and that a fresh division of troops which the Germans brought into action sustained great losses. Attacks north and northwest of Hill 304 were repulsed at the point of bayonets.

## French War Report.

The text of the statement follows: "In the vicinity of Lassigny we delivered a surprise attack on a German trench which resulted in our taking some prisoners and inflicting losses on the enemy."

In the Champagne district near Somme-Py, the fire of our artillery inflicted such damage on a German battery that the Germans had to cease firing.

In the Argonne yesterday a surprise attack upon a small salient of the enemy lines at a point east of the Binarville road made it possible for us to make our way into the German trenches. We brought back some prisoners and two machine guns.

West of the river Meuse the bombardment by the enemy accompanied by the use of suffocating gases continued yesterday and last night. This attack attended an unprecedented volume in the sector embracing Hill No. 304. Here we had to evacuate a part of our trenches on the northern slopes of this hill. Our batteries checked the advance of the enemy.

Last night a German attack directed upon the wood to the west and northwest of Hill No. 304 was repulsed with the bayonet.

It has been confirmed that the attack of the enemy delivered day before yesterday against our positions north of Hill No. 304 was conducted by a fresh division of German troops and that these men suffered overwhelming losses.

8-Year Old  
Boy Admits  
Killing Parent

Portsmouth, O., May 6.—George Jourdan, 8, who told officials Wednesday that his father, Roy Jourdan, killed his mother with a shotgun following a quarrel because she did not get up early enough to get breakfast, has confessed that he shot his mother, official say.

The officials had brought George, another son, and Fred, a little 3-year-old son, before the probate judge and were preparing to ask them some questions, when Fred, in innocence and with a pointing hand said: "George, what did you kill my mamma for?"

George hung his head and failed to answer. The officials were quick to ask Fred how George killed his mother and the trigger back and the contents of the gun were discharged into his mother's head.

Neighbors found the body of Mrs. Jourdan Tuesday afternoon. Four sons and the father were immediately taken into custody. The 8-year-old lad then told officials his father had shot his mother because she would not get out of bed to get breakfast. He said his father had sworn at his mother during the quarrel.

Thursday the boy and his three brothers were allowed to attend their mother's funeral in custody of the sheriff but the father was held in jail. Yesterday the father was formally charged with the murder.

ILLINOIS VILLAGE  
HAS \$40,000 BLAZE

Springfield, Ill., May 6.—A special train bearing units of the local fire department and Fire Chief Jacobs to Edinburg was stopped about ten miles south of here this afternoon by a message saying the fire department had the fire under control. Among the buildings destroyed were the grain elevator, the postoffice, several store buildings and residences. Hasty estimates of the damage placed it close to \$40,000.

## Work to Hold River in Check.

Muscatine, Iowa, May 6.—Several hundred men have been working for 48 hours erecting a gigantic dam across the Muscatine slough to prevent the flood waters which have completely inundated the lower part of Muscatine Island flooding 30,000 acres from overflowing the upper part of the threatened land and the south part of this city. The embankment is 40 feet in height and is believed to be sufficiently solid to withstand the force of the waters.

## DAY IN CONGRESS

## SENATE.

Debate resumed on good roads bill.

## HOUSE.

Former Speaker Cannon's 80th birthday celebrated in speeches by Speaker Clark, Leaders Kitchin and Mann and others.

Rules committee reported rule to expedite the Glass rural credits bill.

FORTY-TWO BANDITS ARE  
SLAIN AND MANY WOUNDED  
IN CLASH WITH CAVALRYWILSON RECEIVES  
NOTE FROM POPE

Monsignor Bonzano Delivers Message  
Believed to Bear Upon Situation  
With Germany.

Washington, May 6.—Monsignor Giovanni Bonzano, the apostolic delegate, called at the White house today and delivered a message to President Wilson from Pope Benedict. He did not see the president, but left the communication with Secretary Tumulty.

It was stated that the message bore on the submarine issue between the United States and Germany. It was understood it reflected the apprehension of the pope at the possibilities of a rupture between the two countries.

The message was at once sent to the president. Pope Benedict has been represented as being hopeful that the United States would be the agency to bring peace to Europe.

It was understood that Pope Benedict, hoping for peace in Europe, viewed the possibility of extension of the war to the United States with dismay and decided to send a personal communication to the president.

AUSTRO PLANES  
BOMBARD ITALY

Berlin, May 6.—An official statement given out at the Austro-Hungarian admiralty in Vienna under date of May 5 says:

"Austro-Hungarian naval aeroplanes on May 4 bombarded Avlona in the morning and Brindisi in the afternoon. The Avlona batteries, the port establishments and the aeronautic station were effectively hit."

PARADE HEADGEAR  
CAUSE SUFF SPLIT

Chicago, May 6.—The clash between the Illinois Equal Suffrage association and the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, has reached the final stage. Plans for the suffrage parade and demonstration at the time of the republican national convention here June 7, has caused a breach between the two organizations that has approached an irreconcilable position, it is stated today, for the war now has affected militancy.

The state body some time ago let it be known that its members would wear 10 cent hats in the big suffrage parade. Now the Congressional Union has announced that its marchers will wear special \$10 hats in the demonstration.

NAVY LEAGUE SUES  
FORD FOR \$100,000

Washington, May 6.—The navy league filed a suit for libel today in the district supreme court against Henry Ford, the Detroit manufacturer, asking for \$100,000 damages. The suit alleged libel in some of Ford's published statements opposing military preparedness.

## President Approves Glynn.

Washington, May 6.—President Wilson's conference with Fred B. Lynch of the democratic committee, it was learned today, resulted in the president approving the selection of Former Governor Martin H. Glynn of New York to deliver the keynote address at St. Louis. Speaker Clark, it is expected, will be invited to be permanent chairman.

## Latest Bulletins

Rome, May 6.—Four Italian hydro-aeroplanes yesterday effectively bombarded the Albanian seaport of Durazzo, says an official statement issued here today. All the machines returned to their base unharmed.

Port Au Prince, Haiti, May 6.—Members of the Haitian senate, who persisted in holding a meeting in spite of the warning of Rear Admiral Caperton, in command of the American forces here, were dispersed today by a detachment of rendarms commanded by an American officer. The senators protested but offered no resistance.

Washington, May 6.—The senate interstate commerce commission today approved the Adamson-Newslands bill to enlarge the interstate commerce commission from seven to nine members. The bill already has passed the house.

Outlaw Gang Badly Worsted  
in Close Battle With  
Yankees.

## MEXICANS ARE ROUTED

Forced to Flee, Leaving Dead  
and Injured—No Amer-  
ican Casualties.

Field headquarters near Nampiquipa, (by wireless to Columbus, N. M., May 6).—A full squadron of 230 men of the 11th cavalry surprised and routed a much larger force of Villistas at Ojo-Azuules, 17 miles south of Cushtairachic early yesterday. Forty-two Mexicans were killed and a number wounded. There were no American casualties.

The American command, under Major Robert L. Howze, had been pursuing the Villistas under Generals Cruz Dominguez and Julio Acosta, for several days when they encountered them today, encamped in the huddled adobe huts of Ojo-Azuules. The Mexicans were utterly surprised and sprang from their pallets half clothed. After firing a few wild shots they began a flight, each man shifting for himself. Some of them were able to seize their horses but others made their way into the hills aloft.

In Major Howze's report he said the rout had been absolute and that he was still pursuing the scattered remnants of the band. The band engaged is the largest remaining under the Villa standard and today's decisive victory gave much satisfaction to military men here.

While the dispatches do not state, military men think the band is the same as that defeated at Temochic April 22 by Colonel George A. Dodd's command.

## 42 Villistas Killed.

San Antonio, Texas, May 6.—Forty-two Villistas were killed, a number wounded and 75 horses and mules captured in a surprise attack delivered by the Eleventh cavalry at Ojo-Azuules early yesterday morning. A report on the fight was forwarded to division headquarters here today from El Paso by General Funston.

There were no American casualties. The American troops commanded by Major Robert L. Howze, made a night ride of 35 miles from San Antonio to surprise the bandits. So unexpected was the attack that the Mexicans fled without offering organized resistance. The band numbered 140 men and was commanded by Dominguez, Acosta and Angeles.

## Attacked Carranza Garrison.

The Villistas arrived at Ojo-Azuules the night before and attempted to take the town from the Carranza garrison. Meeting with resistance they decided to wait until morning before renewing the effort.

Major Howze at San Antonio, 35 miles to the north, learned of the situation and at once set out with six troops of the Eleventh cavalry to relieve the town. The command reached the outskirts of Ojo-Azuules shortly before dawn and took the bandits completely off their guard.

Five Carranza soldiers held for execution by the band were released when the outlaws were put to flight.

## Pershing's Report Received.

General Pershing's report forwarded by General Funston to the war department today says the latest attack on the Villa bandits was made by his small force after a night march of 35 miles. The text of General Pershing's report, dated at San Antonio, in Mexico, follows:

"A band of 140 Villistas that attacked Carranza garrison yesterday at Ojo-Azuules remained there in camp last night. Leaders of the band, Cruz Dominguez, Guilo Acosta and Antonio Angeles. This morning they were struck by Major Howze with six troops, 11th cavalry, and completely surprised. Forty-two killed, actually counted. Number wounded unknown but must be many. Several prisoners, also 75 ponies and mules. Our cavalry rode them down and killed many, using pistols. Fight lasted two hours, men being pursued as individuals into difficult mountainous. Five Carranzistas, condemned to be shot, were taken and released. We have no casualties. Howze left here at 8:30 last night, marched 35 miles and reached Ojo-Azuules at daylight. Consider this a brilliant piece of work. Other cavalry detachments of this command are now operating in the several districts."